

MURKOWSKI, ALLARD, CRAIG, CRAPO, GRASSLEY, MCCONNELL, BUNNING, GRAMS of Minnesota, BURNS, SMITH of New Hampshire, GREGG, DOMENICI, HELMS—as I said, INHOFE—THURMOND, GRAMM of Texas, THOMAS, and ENZI.

In spite of the fact that that happened, they went ahead, the President went ahead and has continued to make recess appointments. The last time he did was during our August recess between the 3rd and 31st. He granted 17 recess appointments in just an arrogant defiance of the Senate's prerogative of advice and consent for confirmation purposes.

Even though it is kind of an empty threat now, I will do it—I am announcing tonight I am going to put a hold on all judicial nominations for the rest of his term, not that there are that many, because if we stopped right now, there would still be fewer vacancies than were there at the end of the Bush administration. But when we took office, we swore to uphold the Constitution and the Constitution is very specific. Today I am making this announcement that we are going to hold up all judicial nominations. I am doing exactly what Senator BYRD would do under the same circumstances. I yield the floor.

JUDICIAL NOMINATIONS

Mr. HARKIN. Mr. President, I would like to talk today about the need to move through a number of important judicial nominations. This process has been dragging on for too long.

Pending before the Judiciary Committee are dozens of federal appeals court nominations, including that of my Iowa constituent, Bonnie J. Campbell for the Eighth Circuit U.S. Court of Appeals.

There are 22 vacancies in our federal appeals courts. With the growing number of vacancies in the federal courts, these positions should be filled with qualified individuals as soon as possible. And so I urge the Republican leadership to take the steps necessary to allow the full Senate to vote up or down on these important nominations.

Ms. Campbell, who received a hearing by the Judiciary Committee in June, would serve on the 8th Circuit with honor, fairness, and distinction.

Bonnie Campbell has a long and distinguished history in the field of law. She began her career as a private practice lawyer in Des Moines in 1984. She worked on cases involving medical malpractice, employment discrimination, personal injury, real estate, and family law.

She was elected as Iowa's Attorney General in 1990—the first woman ever to hold that office in Iowa. During her tenure, she received high praise from both ends of the political spectrum for her outstanding work enforcing the law, reducing crime, and protecting consumers.

In 1995, she was appointed as the Director of the Violence Against Women Office in the Department of Justice. In

that position, she played a critical role in implementing the Violence Against Women provisions of the 1994 Crime Act.

Again, she won the respect of individuals with a wide range of views on this issue. She has been, and still remains, responsible for the overall coordination and agenda of the Department of Justice's efforts to combat violence against women.

Mr. President, I've known Bonnie Campbell for many years. She is a person of unparalleled integrity, keen intellect, and outstanding judgment. She is fair, level-headed, and even-handed.

These qualities, and her significant experience, make her an ideal candidate for this important position.

Her nomination has been strongly supported by many of her colleagues, including the current Iowa Attorney General and the President of the Iowa State Police Association. Her nomination has also been approved by the American Bar Association. And Bonnie Campbell has the solid support of both myself and my Iowa colleague, Senator GRASSLEY.

Mr. President, I view the Senate's "advise and consent" responsibility on judicial nominations in the Senate to be on par with our annual responsibility to move appropriations bills. And, as such, the Senate's schedule between now and adjournment should be adjusted to assure adequate time for their consideration.

We have the time if we have the will.

Again, Mr. President, we have a backlog of judicial vacancies, and it is only fair to push them through as soon as possible. I urge the leadership and the Committee to move them, including Bonnie Campbell, with all due speed. The American people and the people of Iowa's Eighth Circuit are ill-served by these vacancies.

VICTIMS OF GUN VIOLENCE

Mr. DORGAN. Mr. President, it has been more than a year since the Columbine tragedy, but still this Republican Congress refuses to act on sensible gun legislation.

Since Columbine, thousands of Americans have been killed by gunfire. Until we act, Democrats in the Senate will read the names of some of those who have lost their lives to gun violence in the past year, and we will continue to do so every day that the Senate is in session.

In the name of those who died, we will continue this fight. Following are the names of some of the people who were killed by gunfire one year ago today.

September 11, 1999:
Terry Baines, 21, Houston, TX;
Rodrigo Barrera, 23, Chicago, IL;
Armida Enriquez-Sotelo, 30, Denver, CO;

Kris Frazier, 26, Oakland, CA;
Jose Frezzia, 44, Miami, FL;
Anthony Harris, 25, Chicago, IL;
Camiela Hinds, 36, Nashville, TN;

Rendell Hamilton, 23, Detroit, MI;
Jose McDuffie, 34, Philadelphia, PA;
Joseph Mendoza, 17, Houston, TX;
Mickey Peace, Dallas, TX;
Maurice Jackson, 24, Oklahoma City, OK;

Jose Monge-Rodriguez, 31, Denver, CO;

James K. Nelson, 56, Seattle, WA;
Hugh Rollins, San Francisco, CA;
James Thorne, 46, Philadelphia, PA;
Unidentified Male, 25, Newark, NJ;
Unidentified Male, Newark, NJ;
Unidentified Male, San Francisco, CA;

Unidentified Male, 45, York, PA.

One of the gun violence victims I mentioned, 56-year-old James Nelson of Seattle, was shot in the chest and killed one year ago today when he went into his kitchen to investigate a noise he heard outside. James was shot through his kitchen window and died on the floor while trying to call for help.

Another victim, 30-year-old Armida Enriquez-Sotelo of Denver, was shot and killed one year ago today by her estranged husband during an argument before he turned the gun on himself.

Following are other victims of gun violence who died one year ago this weekend.

September 9, 2000:
Carlos Amador, 33, Dallas, TX;
Lionel Glover, 23, Chicago, IL;
Annie Goodman, 73, Miami, FL;
Marlys Harper, 28, Elkhart, IN;
Michael Hooten, 34, Atlanta, GA;
Michael L. Murphy, Jr., 19, Chicago, IL;

Courtney Smith, 45, Houston, TX;
Harold Waytus, 79, St. Louis, MO;
Richard Williams, 43, Chicago, IL;
Robert Young, 32, Baltimore, MD;
Unidentified Male, 16, San Jose, CA.

September 10, 2000:
Donald Burford, 51, Dallas, TX;
Daniel Delarge, 21, Philadelphia, PA;
Curly Faulkner, 22, Memphis, TN;
Mardio House, 26, Baltimore, MD;
Evon Morgan, 48, Dallas, TX;
Brian Robinson, 32, New Orleans, LA;
Anthony Sanders, 24, Chicago, IL;
Gholam Sohelinia, 48, Nashville, TN;
Frank Walsh, 41, Philadelphia, PA;
Cory L. Ward, 23, Gary, IN;
Tavaris Williams, 22, Baltimore, MD;
Unidentified Male, 42, Nashville, TN.

We cannot sit back and allow such senseless gun violence to continue. The deaths of these people are a reminder to all of us that we need to enact sensible gun legislation now.

THE VERY BAD DEBT BOXSCORE

Mr. HELMS. Mr. President, at the close of business Friday, September 8, 2000, the Federal debt stood at \$5,680,083,623,060.12. Five trillion, six hundred eighty billion, eighty-three million, six hundred twenty-three thousand, sixty dollars and twelve cents.

One year ago, September 8, 1999, the Federal debt stood at \$5,656,210,000,000. Five trillion, six hundred fifty-six billion, two hundred ten million.

Five years ago, September 8, 1995, the Federal debt stood at \$4,962,704,000,000. Four trillion, nine hundred sixty-two billion, seven hundred four million.

Twenty-five years ago, September 8, 1975, the Federal debt stood at \$546,875,000,000. Five hundred forty-six billion, eight hundred seventy-five million, which reflects a debt increase of more than \$5 trillion—\$5,133,208,623,060.12. Five trillion, one hundred thirty-three billion, two hundred eight million, six hundred twenty-three thousand, sixty dollars and twelve cents, during the past 25 years.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

EMPIRE AIR FORCE STATION REUNION 2000

• Mr. ABRAHAM. Mr. President, from 1950–80, a large part of the Empire, Michigan community revolved around its Air Force Base, and the men and women who not only worked there, but also lived and raised families together in the surrounding community. To commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the opening of the base, as well as the relationships that developed between the families, several former Air Force Airmen have coordinated a reunion for everyone who served during the 30 years the facility was open. The event will occur in Traverse City from September 20–23, and I rise today to recognize the Empire Air Force Station Reunion 2000.

Empire Air Force 752 Aircraft Control and Warning Squadron opened in 1950, having become necessary as an outgrowth of the Cold War. The primary mission of the base was to protect nearby metropolitan areas, including Detroit and Chicago, from enemy bombers, as well as to provide assistance to commercial aviation.

When the station opened, it was a completely manual operation and thus had over 300 personnel assigned. The first personnel assigned to the base were housed in the Village of Empire. Eventually, in 1956, nine family housing units were completed, and soon thereafter servicemen and their families moved into these units.

As the Air Force Base expanded in size, so too did the residential area. Between 1960–62, recreational facilities, including a two-lane bowling center, two recreation courts and a softball field, were completed. These did not serve just to provide the feel of a community, they truly created a community, providing children with places to play together and families with places to congregate with one another.

In 1965, the Federal Aviation Administration assumed the maintenance of much of the radar equipment, and with the steady advancement of technology, the FAA ultimately took control of the Air Force Station in 1980. During the many years that the FAA and the Air Force shared the station, the relations between the two groups were conge-

nial, which was a tribute to both parties.

The reunion includes many outstanding events. There is a banquet Friday evening at the Park Place Hotel in Traverse City, as well as a hospitality suite at the hotel that will be open from noon on Wednesday, September 20th until noon on Saturday, September 23rd. There is also an open house at the Air Force Base on Saturday, hosted by the FAA.

Mr. President, as I extend greetings to all those gathered for the Empire Air Force Reunion, I also congratulate Mr. Don Ostendorf and Mr. Lowell Woodworth, the Reunion Coordinators, on the job they have done putting this reunion together. Their hard work and dedication have surely paid off. On behalf of the entire United States, I hope that everyone enjoys a wonderful four days, and I welcome all those individuals who have left the Wolverine State back home.●

NATIONAL ASSISTED LIVING WEEK

• Mr. WYDEN. Mr. President, I wish today to draw the Senate's attention to National Assisted Living Week. The National Center for Assisted Living is sponsoring National Assisted Living Week this week to highlight the significance and the hope that this type of service can provide seniors.

Assisted living is a long term care alternative for seniors who need more assistance than is available in retirement communities, but do not require the heavy medical and nursing care provided by nursing facilities. Approximately one million of our nation's seniors have chosen the option of assisted living in this country. This demonstrates a tremendous desire by seniors and their families to have the kind of assistance that they need in bathing, taking medications or other activities of daily living in a setting that truly becomes their home.

This year's theme of National Assisted Living Week is "The Art of Life" and it is intended as recognition of the value of creative expression. I think that it is appropriate because it shows that assisted living is a real option for seniors to continue experiencing "the art of life" in living arrangements tailored to meet their needs for socialization, independence and services.

Oregon has led our nation in the concept of assisted living. My state spends more state health dollars to provide assisted living services than any other in our nation. Assisted living has taken different directions in different states, and I believe offering these choices for consumers is important to provide security, dignity and independence for seniors.

Assisted living will become even more important as an option of seniors and their families as our nation experiences the demographic tsunami of aging baby boomers. It is important for us to continue to support options that

allow seniors and their families a choice of settings in order to assure that they get the level of care that they need.●

TRIBUTE TO ROBERT F. AND MIRIAM SMITH

• Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to Bob and Miriam Smith upon the recent dedication of the Norman S. and Lida M. Smith Academic Technology Center at Bentley College in Massachusetts.

Bob and Miriam have a long history of philanthropy to the college. They have established numerous scholarship programs, many for deserving students from disadvantaged communities. Bob and Miriam's financial donation will give Bentley College the chance to enhance its business education program. As the retired chief executive officer of American Express Bank, Bob understands the value of a superior business education. Named in memory of Bob's parents, Norman and Lida Smith, the Center will give students the advantage of a business education enhanced by the most advanced technology available today.

Bob's dedication to his alma mater is a testament to his integrity, hard work, and impressive business skills. In addition to the outpouring of generous financial donations, Bob's strategic guidance plan has supported the college through tough economic times and demographic changes, and continues to do so today.

Without the support of generous citizens such as Bob and Miriam, our nation's colleges and universities would not have attained the leadership status in the world of academia that they currently enjoy. Bob and Miriam's donation gives Bentley College the competitive edge. It is an honor to serve them both in the United States Senate.●

ADAM CLYMER

• Mr. MOYNIHAN. Mr. President, a goodly number of Senators know Adam Clymer of The New York Times as a cheerful, even avuncular, reporter affably working the corridors here in the Capitol carefully chronicling our not always cheerful proceedings. He was prominent in the pages of the Times, but was not much in evidence in the electronic media. Alas, all that changed in an instant last week. This paragon of journalistic self-effacement had celebrity thrust upon him by an open microphone. With characteristic detachment, he related this not altogether welcome experience in an article, "My Media Moment," which appeared in this Sunday's Times. May an admirer and friend wish that it last more than the allotted fifteen minutes.

I ask that the article be printed in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

The article follows: